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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The courtesy of the Examiner in conducting a diligent search and setting forth reasons for allowance is acknowledged with appreciation. Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicant does not concede that the identified limitations - e.g., "substituting a hydrophobic amino acid or making a substitution at position 34 of SEQ ID NO:3" - are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, dependent claims 78, 80, 81, 85-95, 97, 100, and 101 are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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